

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed January 4, 2005. Claims 27 – 46 have been cancelled. Claims 60 – 73 have been added. Thus, claims 47 – 73 are pending. Reconsideration of the present case is earnestly requested in light of the following remarks.

Allowed Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the allowed subject matter of claims 38-40, and 47-59. Applicant believes that the claims as previously written are allowable, but in the interest of expediting prosecution has accepted the allowed matter. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the previously claimed matter in a subsequent continuation application. More specifically, Applicant has cancelled claims 27 – 46. Claims 47 – 59 were allowed. Applicant has added new claims 60 – 73, which Applicant submits are allowable based on the allowed subject matter indicated in the Office Action.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are patentably distinct and non-obvious over the cited art, and are thus allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-45000/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

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Respectfully submitted,



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